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On June 17, 1958, Lieutenant Roberto Vila of the Cuban Army Military Intelligence Service (SIM) advised that he had just read an article in the Miami, Florida, Spanish language newspaper, "Diario de las Americas," in the June 15, 1958, edition stating that WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, an American, was a member of the insurrectionary forces of FIDEL CASTRO and fighting against the Batista Government. Lieutenant Vila recalled that this information was carried in a column entitled "Reloj."

Lieutenant Vila stated that Cuban military authorities are interested in obtaining any background information available on this individual and he said he would appreciate any assistance our office could give him in this matter.

On June 18, 1958, Mr. James E. Brown, Jr., Consul General of the Embassy, furnished a copy of a report he had received from the Cuban Foreign Office dated June 8, 1958, reporting the arrest of RICHARD A. WITZLER, an American citizen, in Manicera, Santa Clara Province, Cuba, by Cuban Army authorities on June 2, 1958. WITZLER admitted having served with the insurrectionary forces in the Escambray Mountains of Santa Clara Province and identified another American, WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN, as being with these forces also and in command of one of the groups. This report indicated that Army authorities had found a photograph of ALEXANDER MORGAN in the possession of WITZLER.

It is suggested that as a matter of cooperation with Lieutenant Vila, a valuable contact of our office, that the Miami office be requested to make inquiry concerning background of subject. It is believed that information may be obtained through sources at the newspaper, "Diario de las Americas" in Miami.

In the event any of the above information is disseminated, Lieutenant Vila should be given appropriate T symbol and should be referred to as a confidential source abroad. The above information has not been disseminated to other offices in the Embassy as it is known to be available to them.

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